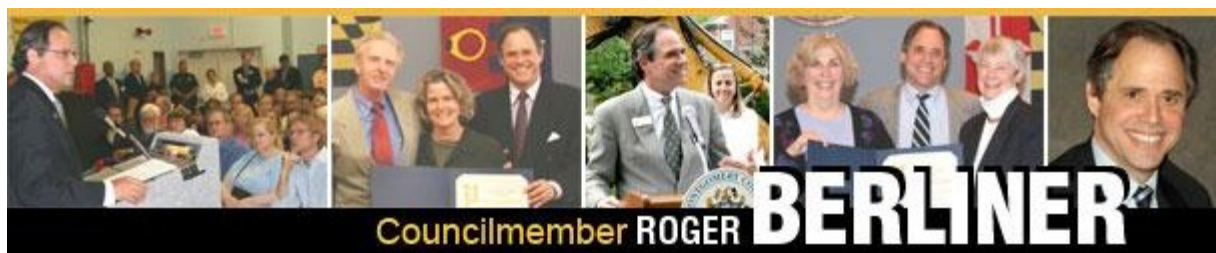


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Dear District 1 Residents and Friends,

Good afternoon. I wanted to update you on the status of County-wide efforts to address the effects of yesterday's storms. The response to this storm is a coordinated effort between Pepco, the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, and the Montgomery County Departments of Transportation, Police, and General Services. The County's Emergency Operations Center was fully activated at 9pm last night, and staff have been working around the clock to fully address the impacts of the storm that passed through yesterday. Here is a brief update.

Pepco:

There are about 187,000 Pepco customers in Montgomery County without power. In order to establish an estimated time of when customers can expect power to be restored, Pepco must first complete an assessment of their system in order to have a clear understanding of the scope of the damage. That is where they are right now. This morning I personally spoke with Tom Graham, the President of Pepco, and I have been assured that his staff is working diligently to assess the damage and restore power. However, Pepco does anticipate that this will be a "multi-day" process.

Traffic lights:

Out of the County's 830 traffic lights, about 250 of them across the County are currently dark. These lights will continue to be dark until power is restored by Pepco. Until then, Montgomery County Police are directing traffic at most major intersections, and the Department of Transportation is installing temporary stop signs at others.

Emergency Shelters:

Three emergency shelters have been opened: Richard Montgomery High School at 250 Richard Montgomery Drive in Rockville, Seneca Valley High School at 19401 Crystal Rock Drive in Germantown, and the East County Recreation Center at 3310 Gateshead Manor Way in Silver Spring. Individuals planning to go to a shelter should bring all medications and personal supplies with them. Pets are not permitted at shelters except for service animals. Residents are urged not to leave their pets alone at home. Instead, call Montgomery County Animal Services at 240-773-5900 to make arrangements for pet care.

Water restrictions:

Mandatory water restrictions remain in effect for all Montgomery County and Prince Georges County residents on public water systems until water supplies are recharged. This includes Rockville residents. Residents on private wells are unaffected by the mandatory water restrictions.

Residents and businesses are urged to use water only for essential indoor uses so sufficient water will be available for hospitals, emergency services and fire fighting.

- Stop all outside water use - no watering lawns, no washing cars, no topping off swimming pools.
- Use water only as necessary - i.e., shorter showers and turn off faucets after washing hands.
- Limit toilet flushings (do not flush after every use).
- Limit washing machine and dishwasher use (wash full loads only).

Libraries:

The following libraries are closed: Kensington Park, Little Falls, Long Branch and Wheaton. The following libraries opened at 10 a.m. as scheduled: Bethesda, Germantown, Quince Orchard, Rockville Memorial and Twinbrook.

Other Closures:

- All Montgomery County Recreation facilities are closed today except for the Upper County Neighborhood, Germantown, East County Neighborhood and Marilyn J. Praisner Community Recreation Centers and the Germantown Indoor and Olney Swim Centers.
- The Department of Permitting Services is closed today to the public.
- The Rockville Campus of Montgomery College is closed today.

Phone numbers to call:

- To report power outages, call Pepco at 1-877-737-2662, Allegheny Power at 1-800-255-3443 or Baltimore Gas and Electric at 1-877-778-2222.
- To report "hot" wires or sparking wires, especially those across roadways, call 9-1-1.
- Residents can report downed trees in the public right-of-way by calling 3-1-1 from within Montgomery County or 240-777-0311 from outside the County.

These storms, much like our winter blizzards, underscore the huge cost of being without power. I believe these extraordinary costs must be taken into account when the Maryland Public Service Commission considers the cost of undergrounding our utilities. I have raised this with PEPCO's President and will continue to press on ways in which PEPCO and the Maryland Public Service Commission can reduce the number and length of outages.

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